

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/757,785	BAKER ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Dolores R. Collins	3711	
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1. This communication is responsive to <u>9/7/04</u> .			
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are <u>1-14</u> .			
3. The drawings filed on 14 January 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.			
 4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) All b) Some* c) None of the: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * Certified copies not received: 			
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Examiner acknowledges response by applicant's representative received 9/7/04. Examiner further acknowledges the terminal Disclaimer filed to overcome the rejection of the previous office action.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-14 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Patentability has been found because the prior art fails to suggest or show the combination as set forth in the independent claims including 'a stop arm positioned rear of said card separation unitcard separation unit;' and 'an audio system for generating voice outputs related to a status of the apparatus' These requirements are not seen or fairly suggested by the prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to

applicant's disclosure and are cited to show the state of art with respect to features of

the claimed invention.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to **Dolores R. Collins** whose telephone number is (571)

272-4421. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Greg Vidovich can be reached on (571) 272-4415. The fax phone number

for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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